

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Simon is here. Senator Simon, will you respond to a question from Senator Venditte, please.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, overall, Mr. President, I will direct my questions to Senator Simon in just a few moments but as I was looking at your preliminary investigation or report of the entire criminal code, I notice that 50% of those people who were on the committee are no longer in this Legislature and it kind of reminds me of the people in the City of Omaha who so decided to place certain solid waste disposal facilities in South Omaha. As a result of that ghastly mistake that they had made, they today cannot be found. That I find interesting. Senator DeCamp yesterday mentioned that the reason that I put the kill motion on last Friday was because I was unhappy and displeased with that section on prostitution. Yes, it is true that I was unhappy with the way the code was revised on the prostitution section but my interest to not bring this LB 38 was expressed in committee. I didn't vote at that point in time in committee to send this to the floor because I did not think that the committee was ready to discuss this bill intelligently and I still don't think that the majority of the members of this Legislature can discuss this criminal code to the people back home. Yesterday Senator Simon had indicated that the primary reason that the ad hoc committee was meeting on their weekly basis was to better understand the criminal code. He indicated, as well, that there was no expertise at these meetings. Yet this ad hoc group has proposed more and more amendments than the Judiciary Committee. Senator Simon, would you please yield to a question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Simon, will you respond.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator Simon, would you please name the Senators who had attended this ad hoc committee meeting or meetings?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, I will and I would like to clarify something. There was expertise and...

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator Simon, I asked you a question and it was simply the Senators who attended the ad hoc committee meetings.

SENATOR SIMON: I want to clarify a misstatement that you made. Senator DeCamp who is an attorney...

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, I think he is out of order. He will have a chance to respond...

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Barnett, myself, Senator Newell, Senator Fowler and Senator Dworak and Senator Reutzel and the staff, who has expertise.

SENATOR VENDITTE: And Senator Simon, who were the attorneys who were present.

SENATOR SIMON: John Evans, John Goe and Kathy Hamilton, John DeCamp.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Thank you, Senator Simon. Senator Newell,